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In re the Application of: **OHNARI, Hirofumi**

Group Art Unit: 1724

Serial No.: 09/743,531

Examiner: **BUSHEY, Charles S.**

Filed: **June 5, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 4037

FOR: SWIRLING TYPE MICRO-BUBBLE GENERATING SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED MAY 3, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 2, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for an Election of Species Requirement dated **May 3, 2002**, the applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the species embodying the species of Fig. 3. Claims 2-5 read on this species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims 2-5 and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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